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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray. Of all our prayers that ring with fervor and intensity, our prayers for peace come from the depths of our hearts and souls. O gracious God, from whom all blessings flow, we earnestly pray for peace in our world so that people will live without threats or fear and know the gifts of security and freedom. Our prayers of thanksgiving and appreciation are with all those people who have used their abilities and responsibilities to promote safety and accord. May Your spirit, O God, encourage us to do the works of reconciliation, for Your word assures us that the peacemaker shall be called blessed. In Your name we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

REREFERRAL OF H.R. 915, AUTHORIZING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT IN PAY OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on the Judiciary be discharged from consideration of the bill (H.R. 915) to authorize a cost of living adjustment in the pay of administrative law judges, and that the bill be rereferred to the Committee on Government Reform.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain 10 1-minutes on each side.

A COP KILLER FOR COMMENCEMENT

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, Evergreen State College is having a convicted cop killer, Mumia Abu-Jamal, as their commencement speaker this year. This outrage is as sad as it is maddening.

America wonders why there are shootings in schools. Well, irresponsible institutions making celebrities out of killers are part of the problem.

In our mixed-up times, heroes are often made for the wrong reasons. The real hero in this case is the police officer who was shot in the back while doing his duty. Yet the twisted radicals in the ivory tower give the spotlight to his murderer while refusing the officer's widow time to speak.

At this time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment of silence to protest this outrage to honor Officer Faulkner and to give sympathy to the real hero's wife, Maureen.

KOSOVO POLICY WORKED

(Mr. KIND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, we woke up this morning with news reports that the first Serb forces in Kosovo are finally being withdrawn. The policy is working, so let us give credit where credit is due. It was because of the perseverance and unity of all 19 democratic nations of NATO that finally got Milosevic to capitulate and stop the atrocities in Kosovo.

Let us hope we are at the dawn of a new era, of peace in the Balkans, a peace that will see the removal of Milosevic from power, true democratic reforms take place, the eventual inclusion of the Balkan countries in the European Union and perhaps even NATO someday.

A foolish speculation? An idle dream? I do not think so. Who amongst us could have predicted that within 10 short years some of the most repressive communist regimes in Central Europe would today be flourishing democracies, members of the European Union, and even members of NATO itself?

I do believe that the historical trends sweeping across Europe today are on our side in this endeavor. Now comes the difficult task of enforcing the peace. My thoughts and prayers are with our young men and women in American uniform who are being called upon once again in the 20th century to restore the peace and humanity on the Statement of Europe.

SALUTE TO MARK MARSHALL, CARSON CITY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

(Mr. GIBBONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GIBBONS. Madam Speaker, as Congress prepares to debate the juvenile crime legislation next week, I

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